

I strongly oppose any FCC-mandated adoption of "broadcast flag" technology for digital television. I believe that such a policy would undermine my consumer rights by creating unreasonable restrictions on fair use -- specifically, on shape-shifting -- without creating any \*real\* technical barriers to piracy (e.g. through internet-based media sharing). This proposal seems to me as shortsighted as earlier efforts to derail the use of audio- and videocassettes and the associated recording devices.

I believe that the "digital millennium" presents major challenges as a result of advances in media technology (e.g. file-sharing networks). However, I believe that the innovation needed to overcome those challenges should be focused on advancing, rather than restricting, methods for the profitable delivery of entertainment and information. I also feel that innovation is needed in the financial model underlying the current distribution system as much as in the technical model -- but that such innovation is exactly what organizations such as RIAA and MPAA seek to avoid in favor of regulatory attempts (such as this) to maintain the status quo.